

Curriculum Newsletter for Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

In order to keep you informed and help you support your children, we thought it would be useful to share with you some of the arrangements in Year 5.

Your children have been working so hard with their learning so far this year, and we would like to thank you for all your support.

Class	Year 5 - Buffaloes and Llamas		
Class Teacher	Mrs Morgan and Miss Synnott		
Other teachers teaching the class	Tuesday mornings: Buffaloes – Mrs Thompson Llamas – Mrs Lacey In cases of illness or training, other teachers may be in the classroom.		
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Petre – Llama Class (Mon – Fri am) Ms Gadd – Buffalo Class (Mon – Fri am)		
Home learning	All home learning will be sent home on a Thursday. These will be either on paper or via the school's home learning websites.		
Reading books	It is your child's responsibility in Year 5 to change their home reading book when they have finished it. They are given time at school to do this. Please try and hear them read for at least 25 minutes each day. Please sign the homework diary when you have read with your child. Any brief comments about how they read the book or about any questions / conversations you had about the book are very useful for continual assessment.		
PE kits	Our PE days are Wednesdays and alternate Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure PE kit is in school on these days. Jewellery should be removed and children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.		
Planned trips this year	Litter/Photography walk in Ashford (Spring Term) Greek Workshop (Summer Term) Other trips and visits are yet to be planned.		
Theme work this year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	The Invaders Space – The Final Frontier.	Why the Whales Came The Circle of Life	It's all Greek to me! Pirates

In addition to this, we thought it would be useful to share with you the themes that the children will be studying this term, so that you can support their learning at home. If you have any questions about these themes, please speak to the class teacher.

Literacy

In literacy, we are looking at a variety of text types through our class stories that we have developed. The children will be developing their skills in persuasion and instructional writing as we develop our characters and drama through suspense or mystery stories.

Through all our Literacy lessons we will improve our use of punctuation and grammar including: modal verbs, subordinate and relative clauses, parentheses and adverbial phrases.

Maths

We will continue studying counting, partitioning and calculating which will include use of the four operations in a range of different contexts. The children will investigate the relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages, manipulating these to fit a variety of situations and challenges. We will explore the purpose and uses of line graphs and plot specific coordinates.

RE

In RE we will be learning about the Beatitudes from The Sermon on the Mount. Children will be learning what the Beatitudes mean and their importance to Christians. They will also be exploring the Ten Commandments and how these are guidelines for how Christians lead their lives. The children will be reading stories about how Jesus has shown forgiveness to others and how we can follow his example. As a school we will also be learning, through our collective worship and in class, about the Christian value of Hope.

PE

In PE, children will be progressing their ball handling, agility and balancing skills through a series of tasks that are designed to increase their co-ordination skills.

With Sports Focus the children will be developing their skills in a range of different sports. With Alive and Kicking, children will learn about how healthy eating and exercise can contribute to a healthier lifestyle.

Some PE sessions will be outside so please ensure your child has the appropriate footwear and clothing in their PE bags.

ICT / Computing

The children will be learning how to program games using coding and progressing on to creating apps. They will also be using computing as a method of research, writing, editing and publishing.

Themed work

In theme this term, we are looking at Why the Whales Came and The Circle of Life. During our first Theme we will be looking closely at the United Kingdom, and its islands. The children will be learning how to use an Ordnance Survey map to locate key locations, they will locate human and physical geography features and study reversible and irreversible changes. During our second Theme, children will be learning about the life cycles of mammals, birds, insects and amphibians. They will also be looking at the life cycles of plants, the different parts of a plant and the purpose they have. They will also focus on how these life cycles and how food chains have changed over time due to medicine, conservation and diet.

If you have any questions about this, feel free to catch one of the Year 5 team and we will be happy to help.

Many thanks again for your continued support.

Mrs Morgan and Miss Synnott

